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## WINTER MEETING ON OUTER BANKS

The winter meeting of the Carolina Bird Club will be held on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, January 29-31, 1988. The meeting headquarters will be the Best Western Armada in Nags Head. Please use the form provided in the Newsletter to make your reservations by January 15. If the Newsletter is delayed by the Christmas mail rush, please call the Armada at 919-441-6315 (try even if after deadline).

This meeting will be primarily a birding meeting, and Harry LeGrand is arranging field trips. Harry has indicated that the field trips will cover three major areas: ponds on Bodie and Pea Islands, including Oregon Inlet; Cape Hatteras Point, Hatteras Inlet and Ocracoke Island; and Lake Mattamuskeet and surrounding fields. Maps and suggestions for birding on your own will be furnished.

On Friday evening an identification workshop will be held by David Lee. He will have some museum specimens and slides to assist us in learning the identification of unusual gulls on the Outer Banks. On Saturday evening we will gather after dinner and review the day's field trips and compile a list. Sunday will be devoted to finding the fancy birds discovered on Saturday. If you like serious birding, this is the meeting for you. It will be devoted to birding in one of the best areas on the Atlantic coast at a season when very rare birds are a distinct possibility. Please use the form provided to register in advance. Registration at the meeting will begin at 3 PM, January 29 at the Armada.

## REPORT OF FALL MEETING

Approximately 100 members attended the fall meeting of the Carolina Bird Club in Charleston, SC, October 16-18, 1987. The meeting was held at the Radisson Francis Marion Hotel in downtown Charleston with excellent weather prevailing. LIBBA WATSON was in charge of registration (as usual), and she was assisted by MARCIA PRYOR. The Charleston Natural History Society provided refreshments during registration on Friday afternoo. The paintings of several bird artists from South Carolina were exhibited in the registration area on Friday afternoon and again on Saturday evening. Artists represented were: STEVE DILLARD, DANNY O'DRISCOLL, ANNE W. RICHARDSON, SIDNEY GAUTHREAUX, BRUCE DRUCKE, and LARRY SEYMOUR. The exhibit received a very favorable response, and a similar exhibit will be planned for future meetings.

PETE LAURIE from the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department gave the Friday evening lecture on the fall migration of raptors along the South Carolina coast and also assisted in the hawk watch at Fort Johnson on Saturday. Pete's lecture was excellent and demonstrated that hawk watching is a lot more difficult than it might seem. He showed and told those who participated in the hawk watches on Sullivan's Island and at Fort Johnsor on Saturday exactly what to expect. WILL POST operated his banding station at Patriot's Point on Saturday morning so that everyone could see a netting operation in action and get close-up photographs of some of the migrants netted during the morning. Although the hawk migration was rather slow, the groups at Fort Johnson and Sullivan's Island saw Sharp-shinned Hawks(27), Northern Harriers (11), Bald Eagles (2), American Kestrels (10), Cooper's Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, Turkey Vultures (10), Osprey and Red-tailed Hawk.

On Saturday afternoon attendees were invited to bird at Magnolia Gardens (thanks to the efforts of BETSY VERONEE), and BRUCE KRUCKE arranged a field trip to Middleton Place. After a wind and cheese reception the attendees enjoyed a very entertaining and informative presentation by Dr. KEITH BILDSTEIN of the Department of Biology at Winthrop College in

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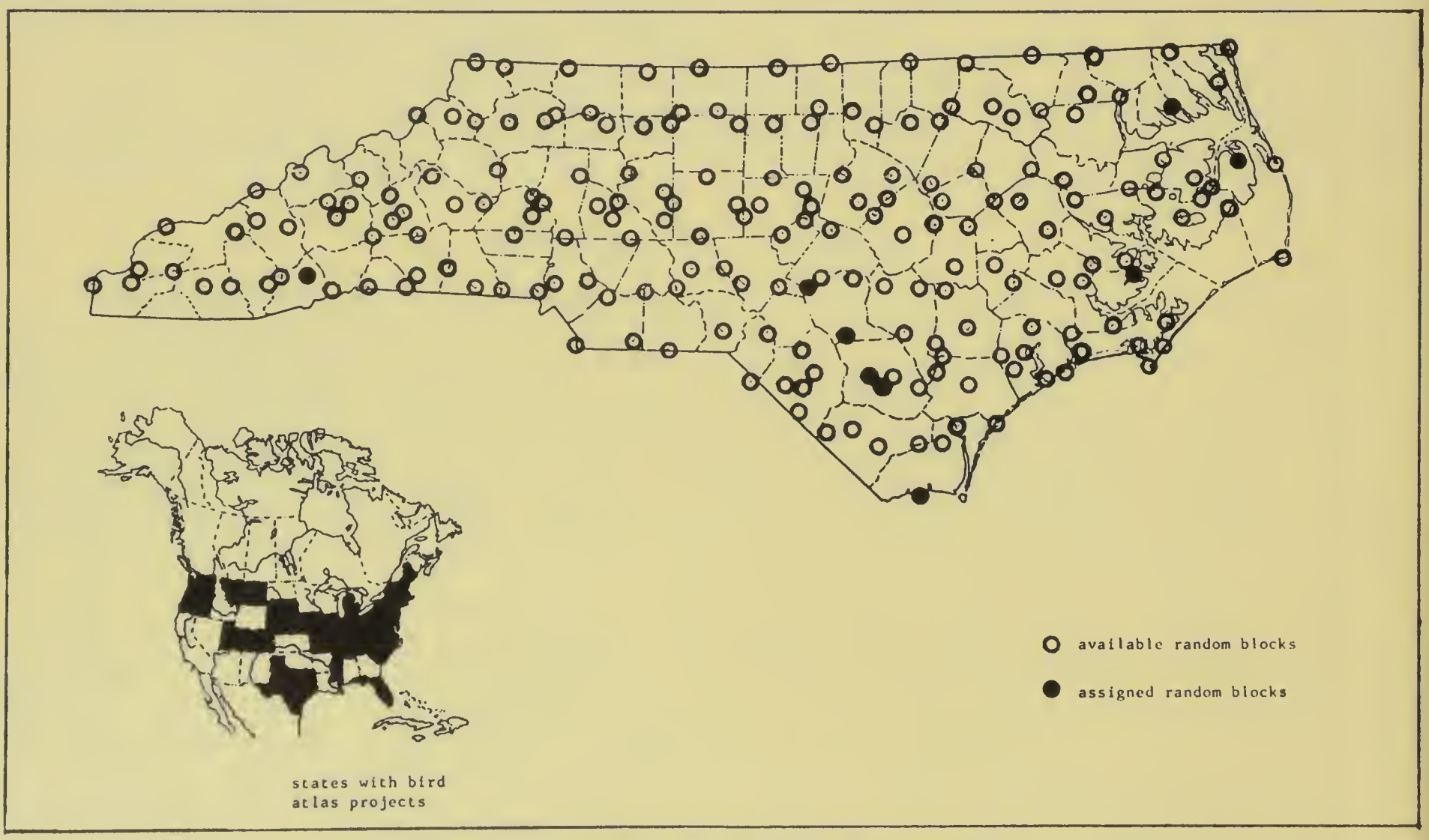
## NORTH CAROLINA BREEDING BIRD ATLAS

The North Carolina State Museum is now in its second year of statewide field work on its breeding bird atlas. To date only 59 three-square-mile blocks have been assigned. Block assignments are being done in two ways. (1) A series of blocks representing 10% of the state have been picked for coverage to represent a random sample of the state's breeding bird fauna. These blocks will all be assigned and later used for comparative studies illustrating change, stability, comparisons with survey results in other states, etc. (2) Other blocks are requested by volunteers throughout North Carolina. These can be near your home, vacation spots, or in out-of-the-way places you always wanted to visit. Between these two methods of block adoption we hope to cover at least 25% of the state.

Additionally we will take any information on any nesting birds from any place in North Carolina: summer yard list, the Great-horned Owl nest you found last spring, even the robin in your maple tree. Single records such as these will help fill in distributional gaps for many species and will make maps of breeding distribution more meaningful. Nest-record cards will be distributed to CBC members to aid in the solicitation of random records. It is hoped that every North Carolina CBC member will participate on some level. If this project is to be successful, it will require the cooperation of a large number of CBC members.

CBC chapters are encouraged to adopt local state parks, entire counties, or portions of nearby National Forests.

If you are interested, contact DAVE LEE, North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences, P.O. Box 27647, Raleigh, NC 27611 for a map and list of block available in your area. The map shown below represents only the randomly picked blocks, but other portions of the state need coverage too.




## SOUTH CAROLINA BREEDING BIRD ATLAS

The South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department is interested in recruiting volunteers to conduct a breeding bird atlas (survey) in South Carolina starting spring, 1988. If interested contact JOHN CELY, Nongame & Heritage Trust Section, South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202, telephone (803) 734-3916.

FALL MEETING REPORT CONTINUED...

Rock Hill, SC. Keith's lecture was on some of the work that is being done in coastal South Carolina on the behavior and ecology of White Ibises. DENNIS FORSYTHE tallied the bird list for the field trips with a respectable total in excess of 100 species registered in spite of poor migration weather. On Sunday morning SID GAUTHREAUX led another hawk watch on Sullivan's Island near Fort Moultrie while others birded on their own.

## WHITE IBIS SIGHTINGS NEEDED

Juvenile and adult white ibises have been marked with orange patagial tags with black alpha numerics in coastal South Carolina. Tags have been placed on either wing. Reports of marked birds, even if the alpha numeric cannot be read, will help us study movements and distribution of this polulation. In addition to geographic location and date(s), please include in your reports the age class of the bird, the habitat in which sighted, and how many ibises it was seen with. Please send information to Dr. Keith L. Bildstein, Department of Biology, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, SC 29733.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Information on the following publications of interest to CBC members has been received:

WILDLIFE MAP OF THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK, $4.95 postpaid, American Nature Maps, PO Box 548, Glen Echo, MD 20812.

DIRECTORY TO NORTH CAROLINA'S NATURAL AREAS, $5 postpaid, N.C. Natural Heritage Foundation, PO Box 11105, Raleigh, NC 27604.

THE PIEDMONT NATURALIST by Bill Hilton, Jr., $9.95 postpaid, Hilton Pond Press, 1432 DeVinney Road, York, SC 29745

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BEST WESTERN ARMADA RESERVATION FORM
Carolina Bird Club Winter Meeting, January 29-31, 1988

NAME_____ ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ STATE_____ ZIP_____

Please reserve ____room(s) at $35.00 per night plus tax. My check for the first night's lodging is enclosed. I will arrive_____and depart_____.

Mail with deposit to BEST WESTERN ARMADA, PO Box 307, Nags Head, NC27959 Tel. 919-441-6315

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REGISTRATION FORM
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NAME(S)_____

ADDRESS_____ CITY_____ STATE____ ZIP_____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of $_____ for ____member registrations at $4 each and ____nonmember registrations at $5 each.

Mail to CAROLINA BIRD CLUB, INC., PO Box 27647, Raleigh, NC 27611

# Welcome New Members

RUTH BROWN
Columbia, SC

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STERLING & LINDA SOUTHERN
Cary, NC

MR/MRS B. G. WOODHAM, JR.
Tryon, NC

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

CBC President, Sid Gauthreaux has announced the appointment of the following nominating committee: MRS. WILLIAM H. HOUGH (WNC), Chairperson, 22 Brooks Crossing, Pisgah Forest, NC 27587-9801; DR. HARRY LeGRAND, JR. (ENC); and GEORGE McCOY (SC). Please send your suggestions for nominees to Mrs. Hough.

Officers to be elected at the spring meeting are: President (incumbent eligible); Vice-President (SC) (incumbent not eligible); Secretary (incumbent not eligible); Treasurer (incumbent not eligible); Members-at-Large SC (incumbent eligible), ENC (incumbent not eligible), WNC (incumbent eligible).

## **NEW RARE-BIRD-ALERT NUMBER**

Heathy Walker, Chairperson of the CBC Rare-Bird-Alert Committee, has rescued the CBC Rare-Bird-Alert answering machine and housed it in its new permanet quarters at the Winghaven Foundation of Charlotte. The new number is 704-332-BIRD (704-332-2473). David Wright continues to man the machine, and he is looking forward to receiving your reports of interesting sightings.

## PUBLICITY

Birding in the Tryon, NC area has been geting excellent publicity in the Tryon Daily Bulletin with regular columns by Simon Thompson. MARTHA FREDERICK shared a number of these articles as well as other information on activities of the TRYON BIRD CLUB.

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